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SUBJECT: SECTION 22 ACTION ON CHEESE QUOTA

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1. FOR EMBASSY' S BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOLLOWING SUMMAR-
IZES CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG ON AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE
CHEESE QUOTAS.

2. THE FRG GAVE A MIXED RESPONSE TO THE USG REQUEST FOR
ASSURANCES ON ABILITY TO SUPPLY (PARA. 2 STATE 69723). IT
STATED THAT " WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE
CHEESE IMPORT QUOTAS, THE FRG WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPLY A 50
PERCENT INCREASE IN THE QUOTAS FOR THE FOLLOWING CHEESES
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UNDER TARIFF NUMBERS 950.09 B (PROCESSED EDAM AND GOUDA, 950.10 D (" OTHER") AND 950.10 E (LOW- FAT CHEESE). FOR TARIFF NUMBER 950.10 B (EMMENTHALER - THE FRG ANNUAL ALLOCATION IS 292,000 POUNDS) THE FRG WOULD LIKE TO SUPPLY BLUE MOLD, AND FOR OTHER CHEESES UNDER TARIFF NUMBER 950.10 C (GRUYERE PROCESS - THE FRG ANNUAL ALLOCATION IS 1,818,000 POUNDS) GOUDA AND TILSITER AS ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF CHEESES." (EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT FRG DID NOT EXPLICITLY ANSWER THE INQUIRY WITH RESPECT TO ITS ABILITY TO SUPPLY CHEESE UNDER TARIFF ITEMS 950.10 B AND 950.10 C).

3. THE FRG PROPOSAL TO SUPPLY AN EXTRA 50 PERCENT OF THE GRUYERE PROCESS QUOTA (950.10 C) IN THE FORM OF TILSITER

WAS ACCEPTED AND ITS " OTHER" CHEESE QUOTA WAS INCREASED CORRESPONDINGLY. (THE LATTER INCREMENT IS IN ADDITION TO THE 50 PERCENT INCREASE GRANTED ON ITS QUOTA ALLOCATION FOR " OTHER".) AS A RESULT OF THE SHIFT FROM GRUYERE PROCESS TO " OTHER" CHEESE THE COUNTRY DESIGNATION FOR WEST GERMANY UNDER ITEM NO. 950.10 C OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION SHOWS THE WORD " NONE" UNDER THE HEADING " QUANTITY IN POUNDS".

4. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT ACCEPT THE FRG OFFER TO SUPPLY GOUDA IN LIEU OF A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN GRUYERE PROCESS QUOTA OR BLUE MOLD IN PLACE OF A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE EMMENTHALER QUOTA.

5. THUS, ALTHOUGH CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE FRG PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO 950.10 B AND 950.10 C COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED, THE U. S. DID NEVERTHELESS PROVIDE A MAJOR ACCOMMODATION FOR THE FRG BY ACCEPTING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF ITS PROPOSAL, I. E., PERMITTING IT TO SHIP TILSITER IN PLACE OF GRUYERE PROCESS.

6. THE FRG HAS BEEN GRANTED A 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN EACH OF ITS OTHER QUOTA ALLOCATIONS FOR PROCESSED EDAM AND GOUDA, EMMENTHALER, " OTHER", AND LOW- FAT CHEESE. ROGERS

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